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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: PORTS EXPANSION

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1. BURNS & ROE ADVISED MEPD THIS MORNING THAT IT HAS RECONSIDERED PREVIOUS DECISION TO SEEK WORK IN ISRAEL. FIRM NOW INTENDS MAKE NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO ISRAEL PORTS AUTHORITY CABLE.

2. RAYMOND INTERNATIONAL HAS RECEIVED IPA INQUIRY, IS STUDYING MESSAGE, AND INTENDS RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FIRM ADVISES THAT ITS ENGINEERS MUST HAVE MORE TIME IN ORDER DEVELOP ADEQUATE REPLY. FYI: AT THIS POINT, RAYMOND HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL PURSUE BUSINESS BUT IS AWAITING ENGINEERS' RECOMMENDATION.

3. TUDOR INDICATES IT HAS ALREADY ANSWERED IPA TELEX, EXPRESSING INTEREST BOTH IN PURSUING CONTRACT AND, IF APPROPRIATE, ASSISTING ISRAELI'S OBTAIN PROJECT FINANCING.

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4. MONSANTO WASHINGTON OFFICE UNABLE TO DISCUSS PORTS

PROJECT, IS LOCATING APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE WHO WILL CONTACT
MEPD FOR INFORMATION. EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OF
MONSANTO POSITION ASAP.

5. WE ARE CURIOUS ABOUT APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH PULLMAN RE "LAND BRIDGE" RAILROAD.
DO ISRAELIS INTEND CARRY OUT PROJECT THEMSELVES? IS IT
LOW PRIORITY ITEM? APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION.
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